GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA

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EROSION DUE TO RIVERS
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been severe erosion by several major rivers in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise and River-wise; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to avoid further erosion by rivers?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SMT. BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) In rivers like Brahmaputra both banks are under stress and subjected to acute erosion activity. The rivers with problem of severe erosion are as under:

North-East region	:	Brahmaputra, Barak, & their tributaries.
Bihar	:	Ganga, Gandak, Burhi Gandak, Bagmati, Adhwara Group of Rivers, Kamla, Kosi & Mahananda.
Uttar Pradesh	:	Ganga, Yamuna, Ghaghra, Gomti & Gandak.
West Bengal	:	Ganga - Padma.

(c) Flood Management being a State subject, flood control schemes including anti river erosion works are planned, funded and executed by the State Governments themselves out of their own resources and as per their own priorities. Central Government renders assistances that are technical, catalytical and promotional in nature. The Master Plans have been prepared for Flood Management in Ganga and Brahmaputra Basins by Ganga Flood Control Commission and Brahmaputra Board respectively. Suggestions have been made in the Master Plans to prevent river erosion in specific areas. These Master Plans have been sent to concerned States for implementation.